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Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, June 27, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

EA community yard sale June 23 to 24

The Community Life Mayoral Program is sponsoring the Edgewood Area community yard sale June 23 and 24, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Yard sale signs cannot be attached to poles, signs or trees on post. Free-standing signs are acceptable, and residents are responsible for removing them after the sale.

For more information, call Bernice Johnson, 410-306-2014.

Emergency action officer list and notification roster

Each organization is responsible for reviewing their designated emergency action officer listing per APGR 500-2. It is critical that this listing be up to date to disseminate administrative/emergency information (emergency response support, severe weather warnings, post closings, etc.) to the APG community during duty and non-duty hours.

Changes should be faxed to 410-278-4415 and any questions should be referred to Judy Michalski, 410-278-5225.

Legal Office closed June 28

The Legal Assistance Office will be closed on Thursday, June 28. There will be no walk-in service to see an attorney and no notary service. Appointments are available by calling the Legal Assistance Office at 278-1583/1584.

Drive in a NASCAR race . . . sort of

NASCAR race fans who have always wanted to drive a race car will have the opportunity to try out their skills at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Commissary from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 22 . . . well sort of.

The Tide-sponsored Ford simulator will be on hand for visitors to experience the thrills of NASCAR oval racing. Ricky Cravens, from Newburgh, Maine, drives No. 32 on the race-car circuit for PPI Motorsports, and Tide is

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APG welcomes new Army Transformation



Photo by RALPH BROTH



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Command Sgts. Maj. Ronald Stallings, APG Garrison, right, and Walter Litzenberger, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, proudly display the black beret, a symbol of the Army's transformation into the 21st century. Soldiers donned berets on June 14, the Army's 226th birthday, as directed by Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki. Left, Maj. Victoria Kost, secretary of the general staff, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, wears the U.S. Army black beret following the Army Birthday Review and Transformation Ceremony on Fanshaw Field.

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

With a fanfare befitting the rise of a transitioning force, Aberdeen Proving Ground soldiers, resplendent in black berets, honored Old Glory and the Army's 226th birthday during the Army Birthday Review and Transformation Ceremony on June 14 at Fanshaw Field.

Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, Army chief of staff, chose the Army anniversary as the date the entire U.S. Army would don black berets to symbolize the Army's transforma-

tion from a "Cold War Legacy" Force to an "Objective Force."

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, led a four-general review of troops accompanied by Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, chief of Ordnance and commander, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools; Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, commander U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, and Brig. Gen. Lester Martinez-Lopez, commander,

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Soldiers salute Army/flag in early morning ceremony

By E. C. Starnes
O&S

Only the birds greeting the rising sun broke the early morning stillness. Soldiers stood quietly, rank upon rank, behind their commanders. The mist slowly rose, much as it probably did those early mornings on the fields of Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill.

Then the cannon fired and the sounds of a bugle rendering reveille brought the troops into motion as they raised their hands in salute of the rapidly rising flag.

This scene in front of Dickson Hall, home of the headquarters for the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps, June 14, 5:30 a.m., was undoubtedly repeated throughout the world as soldiers gathered to salute not only the Army's 226th Birthday, but also to honor the 224th anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the national flag.

As soldiers from the 16th Ordnance Battalion stood in formation around Ordnance Circle, Lt. Col. Kevin Moore, battalion commander, introduced U.S. Army retired Col. Jack Randall, who spoke to the soldiers of the spirit of service that separates the United States Army from others.

A soldier who joined the Army at the age of 18 in 1943, Randall told

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APG testers, evaluators earn unit award for supporting Army Transformation

By Mike Cast
DTC

The Developmental Test Command received the prestigious Department of the Army Superior Unit Award for its key role in supporting the Army Transformation that began in 1999.

DTC's parent command, the Army Test and Evaluation Command, also received the award, as did ATEC's Army Evaluation Center, Operational Test Command and other selected ATEC test centers and field offices across the United States.

DTC includes Aberdeen Test Center, Aviation Technical Test Center, Redstone Technical Test Center, Dugway Proving Ground, Yuma Proving Ground and White Sands Missile Range.

In January of this year, the Army gave this award to key Army staff agencies and support-

ing organizations for their work in shaping the Army's future. The award, which cited the organizations for "meritorious performance of a difficult and challenging mission," recognized recipients for supporting the Army Transformation from Oct. 1, 1999, to Oct. 1, 2000.

That transformation included establishing ATEC in October 1999, a command that oversees and integrates developmental and operational testing of military systems with evaluation and analysis of test results. ATEC, which reports to the vice chief of staff of the Army, oversees three subordinate commands – DTC, headquartered at Aberdeen Proving Ground; the Army Evaluation Center, headquartered at Alexandria, Va., and the Operational Test Command, headquartered at Fort Hood, Texas.

The award citation refers to the "uniquely dynamic period in the Army's 225-year history" and lauds Army organizations that "developed and implemented a comprehensive campaign plan to dramatically transform" the Army. It acknowledges "significant challenges, a complex environment, constrained resources and ambitious transformation initiatives" that resulted in major changes to staffing, equipment, organizational structure and training.

"The Army faced some tremendous challenges as it began transforming itself to meet the evolving mission requirements of the 21st century," said Maj. Gen. John Marcello, ATEC commander. "All of the organizations that are now part of the Army Test and Evaluation Command have had a pivotal role

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APG hosts science and technology showcase

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News and
Mike Cast
DTC

"I want this region to be the premier economic driver for America and the world."

With that statement, Pennsylvania Rep. Curt Weldon expressed his vision for the mid-Atlantic region during keynote remarks at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Science and Technology Board showcase held June 12 and 13 at Top of the Bay.

The two-day event promoted cooperative agreements and joint programs between APG laboratories and facilities, mid-Atlantic firms, technology centers and aca-

ademic institutions.

More than 200 business leaders, educators and government representatives attended the showcase, which was sponsored in cooperation with the APG Business Development Office under the direction of Brian Simmons, chair of APG's Science and Technology Board.

Simmons said the laboratories and facilities at the proving ground are eager to provide access for companies, colleges and universities, and other government agencies.

"The intellectual capital here is world renown," Simmons said.

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Photo courtesy of ATC

DTC test centers conduct a range of testing on cutting-edge armored systems such as the latest version of the Abrams M1A2 tank, seen here.

Post Shorts

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sponsoring the visit of a replica car and simulator at commissaries across the country. APG was selected to host the simulator, giving patrons an opportunity to do a little more than look at a NASCAR race vehicle.

Souvenir pictures and other items will also be on hand to commemorate the visit.

For more information, contact the commissary at 410-278-3101.

Ozone Action Days forecast on the Web

The Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment sends ozone notification on code orange and code red days only. Flags are hung at various locations across the installation so that residents will know of an action day. On code Orange and Red days, APG takes extra steps to help reduce air pollution, such as the closing of military vehicle gas stations (unless there is an emergency), and ceasing paint spray booth operations.

Visit the scrolling screen on the main page of **www.apg.army.mil** to learn more about code green and code yellow Ozone Action Day.

For information on the APG Ozone Action Days plan, contact Rachel Swearingen, DSHE, 410-306-2268.

Youth volunteer opportunities

The American Red Cross at APG is looking for young people, ages 13 to 18 years old, to volunteer at various APG agencies a few hours per week this summer. The seven-week program, scheduled for June 25 through Aug. 10, will offer students training, service opportunities and a chance to work in their area of interest. For more information and an application, call the Red Cross, 410-278-2087.

Reserve Officers Association quarterly meeting

The Harford County chapter of the Reserve Officers Association will meet Thursday, June 28, 7 p.m., Vedder Building Conference Room, building E-3103, on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The purpose of the meeting is to plan the calendar and schedule guest speakers for the next fiscal year.

Commissioned and warrant officers of all services, whether reserve, active, or retired, and whether ROA members or not, are welcome to attend.

For information, contact Maj. Gina Federico, 410-676-7909 or Col. Jonathan Newmark, 410-436-2230.

Preparing for on-post emergencies

Are you prepared for an emergency on post? How is Aberdeen Proving Ground prepared to assist you if a natural or man-made disaster occurs on post?

Find out from Andre’ Fournier, fire protection specialist with the Directorate of Safety Health and Environment’s Fire and Emergency Services Division on Thursday, June 28, 3 p.m. at the Gunpowder Club (Osprey Room), in the Edgewood Area.

Presented by the APG Committee for the Disabled, Fournier is a life member of both Disabled Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a member of the National Fire Protection Association, Fire Marshals Association of North America and the National Fire Academy Alumni Association. The entire APG community is invited to attend.

For information, contact Angela Cheek, 410-278-1140, or Judy Mathews, 410-278-1050.

WIC returns to post

Women, Infants and Children, or WIC, is back at Army Community Service, building 2754, every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call Diana Hayes, Parent and Children Together coordinator, 410-278-7474.

Stand for Children Day

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Youth Center is hosting the third annual Stand for Children Day celebration, June 27, 9 to noon, at building 2522. Activities include face painting, snack making, bubbles and games. A fire truck, military police car and McGruff will be there.

Attendees should bring lunch, drinks, picnic blanket and a lawn chair. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call Shirley Murphy, 410-278-9832/7477.

ACS offers “Parents and Children Together” classes

Army Community Services will offer three Parents and Children Together, or PACT, lunch and learn classes, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., at ACS, 2754 Rodman Road.

Classes will be held on Thursday, June 28, “What You Need to Know About Your Child (from birth to 4 years old),” Thursday, July 12, “Discipline and Beyond” and Thursday, July 26, “Building Better Behavior.” Military families and APG civilian personnel are welcome to attend. All parents interested in registering may call Diana Hayes, program coordinator at ACS, 410-278-7474/7478.

Restoration Advisory Board meeting

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting on Thursday, June 28, from 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include an update on the Lauderick Creek CWM Removal Action, the Emergency Destruction System, and the Other Edgewood study area. Board meetings are open to the public. All APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the information line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

Registration open for fall classes at HHC

Registration is currently underway for fall 2001 credit classes at Harford Community College’s Aberdeen Proving Ground Center, Building 3146, Raritan Avenue, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and alternate Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information, call 410-272-2338 or 410-278-0516.

Registration is also taking place at HCC Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fall classes begin on Wednesday, September 5. Students who register prior to August 6 will be billed, with payment due August 16.


Students may also register for courses by mail or FAX through Sept. 4. Forms and information are included in the Schedule of Fall 2001 Credit Classes catalogue, which will be mailed to all Harford County residences this summer. In addition to the Schedule of Classes being available in the Registration and Records Office, students can access the information at www.harford.cc.md.us.

Prior to registering, students may call HCC’s Academic Advising Center, 410-836-4301, to make an appointment to meet with an academic advisor and plan their semester schedule.

Students who have never attended HCC, or who attended before May 2000, should complete an HCC Application for Enrollment prior to registering.

For information about registering for fall credit courses at HCC, call the Office of Registration and Records, 410-836-4222 or 410-879-8920, ext. 222.

Pollution Prevention



To save water: Wash your car less often or wash it at a car wash where they clean and recycle the water.

KUSAHC offers class

A “Take Care of Yourself” class is held the first and third Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Preventive Medicine conference room located on the first floor of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. All patients enrolled in TRICARE Prime are eligible to attend.

The purpose of the class is to teach patients how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home and when to see a doctor. The class will be instructed by a registered nurse using the Take Care of Yourself and Taking Care of Your Child handbooks distributed to TRICARE Prime enrollees.

Attendees will receive a Medicine Cabinet Card which will allow them to request specific over-the-counter medications without having to see a Primary Care Provider. This education class and pharmacy privilege is limited to TRICARE Prime enrollees only.

Added note: If an individual has attended this class at another military medical facility, it must be retaken at KUSAHC in order to draw medications from the pharmacy. To sign up for this class, call 410-278-1725.

Army T&E Days Conference 2001

The annual Army Test and Evaluation Days Conference will be held July 10 to 12 at the Von Braun Center, Huntsville, Ala.

The conference registration form, golf registration form, and hotel information is posted to Web site www.testevaldays.com. Continue to view the Web site for updates regarding the agenda, short courses, and other information pertinent to the conference.

AA chapel sponsors stress management class

A Christian Approach to Stress and Worry is a lunchtime gathering

using prayer and the Bible to handle stress, worry and anxiety in our lives God’s way. The class uses a topical, interactive approach to stress management.

All military and civilian personnel at APG are invited to attend each Thursday, 12 to 12:50 p.m., at the Aberdeen Chapel in classroom No. 3. Bring yourself and lunch; Bibles are provided. Facilitators are Ivan Mehosky and Bruce Erdner.

For more information, call 410-278-4333.

Career Workshop for Teens

The Army Community Service Family Member Employment Assistance Program will sponsor a Career Search Workshop for youth ages 13 to 18, June 27, 1 to 3 p.m., at the ACS Career Focus Center, building 2752, Rodman Road. Retired Navy Lt. Edward Kreiner Sr., executive of numerous national corporations, will conduct the workshop.

The workshop is designed to motivate youths into thinking about what they want to do in the future and help them find what they need to do to achieve these goals. Topics include Expectation of an Employer; First Impression and Personal Appearance; Filling out an Application; Telephone Contact; Handling the Interview/Losing Your Fear of the Interview Process; Communication Skills; Development of a Basic Resume and Development of References.

For more information or for registration, call Marilyn Howard, ACS, 410-278-9669.

GSA seminar free for federal, military personnel

GSA 101, a free comprehensive seminar for federal and military personnel interested in learning more about GSA products and services, is scheduled for July 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, 21866 Cedar Point Road, Building 2189, Patuxent River, MD 20670.

Learn to use the on-line shopping and ordering system, GSAAAdvantage, and the GSA Schedules E-Library, the on-line source for complete multiple award schedule contract award information.

For more information, call Angela Griffin, 215-656-3872. Register on-line at www.midatlantic.gsa.gov/fss/seminars or by E-mail to midatlantic.seminars@gsa.gov.

EA Education Center seeks volunteers

The Education Center in the Edgewood Area is looking for a volunteer receptionist to help with day-to-day office operations. Some duties include directing phone calls, filing, providing general information to visitors and assisting with special projects.

All of the volunteer hours accumulated, training received and skills acquired are documented and can be helpful when seeking future employment.

Anyone interested in learning more about this position should contact Dori Lawton, education specialist, at 410-278-3515, or Alice Surette, volunteer coordinator, at 410-278-5469.

Bingo at AA Rec Center every Wednesday

The Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, has bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The packet includes a \$500 game, a \$500 special and a progressive jackpot that is at 52 numbers for \$1,100.

Specials are three for \$1, packets are \$7 and jackpots are \$2.50. There are two 70/30 split specials. The snack bar is open before and during bingo for your refreshment needs.

For more information, call 410-278-2621.

International Orphan’s Camp Program

If you have room in your house for a child between the age of 5 and 11 from Saturday, July 7 to Sunday, Aug. 6, or if you have room in your heart for one of these older children forever, consider our summer camp program.

The International Orphan’s Camp Program is looking for host families and prospective adoptive families for these children for the summer 2001 program and beyond. Families are needed for children from Kazakhstan for this summer.

If you are interested, call Judy Williams, 410-569-8927.

Join Spesutie Island Boat Activity

The Spesutie Island Boat Activity is accepting applications for the 2001 season. Interested personnel must be authorized to participate in Aberdeen Proving Ground Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. Eligible personnel include all active duty military, military retirees, APG civilians, retired APG civilians, civilian contractors (with ID cards) and Baltimore District Corps of Engineer employees. Proofs of insurance and registration are required.

Cost for keeping a boat is \$10 per foot for moorings, \$7 per foot for parking lot storage, and \$6.50 per foot for ‘ramp-only’ access.

If you are interested in joining, stop by building 36, or call Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

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PET OF THE WEEK



Little Angel

As cute as a button, Angel has all the classic markings of an American Shorthair with distinctive gray and white markings from her head to her furry paws. Bouncy, even-tempered and intelligent, it's hard to believe she's only four months old. Come see Angel and other pets at the Post Veterinary Treatment Facility. You do not have to be active duty military to adopt a pet. For more information, call the VTF at 410-278-4604.

Hauschild receives CHPPM’s Lovell Award

By Evelyn B. Riley
CHPPM

Veronique D. Hauschild, environmental scientist, Deployment Environmental Surveillance Program, received the 2000 Joseph Lovell award on May 18. She is the 22nd recipient of this award, unique to the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

Named in honor of the first Army surgeon general, a vigorous supporter of preventive medicine, the award is presented annually to a civilian or military scientist, engineer, health professional, or technician who has demonstrated exceptional initiative, creativity, innovative ability, and professional excellence in his or her occupational field.

Brig. Gen. Lester Martinez-Lopez, commander, CHPPM, introduced the keynote speaker, Raymond J. Fatz, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment) at the ceremony.

“Veronique possesses the capability to bring together professionals from a variety of disciplines throughout the Department of the Army and the federal government,” Fatz said.

“Her projects have typically broken ground in areas of soldier and civilian health protection. Where little direction and guidance existed, she built a record of success and consensus building and negotiation. She demonstrated tenacity and perseverance. She is a fighter, leads with her technical skills, and then follows it up with persistence. The projects she has worked on with me are primarily in the chemical agent business. She has shown inno-

vative vision in her ability to think broadly, recognize the gaps in policy in doctrine and training, and come up with other pragmatic solutions. Using experience gained in these efforts enabled her to successfully complete chemical agent related accomplishments that have earned her this award,” Fatz said.

Hauschild joined the U.S. Army Environmental Hygiene Agency as a junior environmental scientist, serving as project officer and manager for numerous projects. She initially served as a project officer in the Hazardous and Medical Waste Program, and the Environmental Health Risk Assessment Program.

She was assigned to oversee the development of chronic oral toxicity values for military chemical agents by a multi-disciplinary team, which were reviewed by the National Research Council’s Committee on Toxicology. These toxicity standards were officially published by the Army Medical Department in February 2000.

Hauschild led a team that developed short-term exposure chemical exposure guidelines for use during military deployments. Technical Guide 230A, Short Term Exposure Chemical Exposure Guidelines for Deployed Military Personnel, filled an important gap in the AMEDD’s ability to provide advice to commanders on the risks posed by occupational and environmental hazards during deployments, received wide acclaim from users throughout the Defense Department, and has been recommended as the primary reference by the Joint Staff.

Hauschild served on a Department of Defense workgroup to develop the Defense

Department strategy to address low-level chemical warfare agent exposures. She also led an evaluation of the airborne exposure limits for occupational and general population exposures to G agents, VX, and sulfur mustard that was completed in November 2000. Serving as an ad-hoc member of a multi-agency workgroup, she facilitated the development and publication of acute exposure guideline levels for chemical warfare agents.

Her efforts and accomplishments were recognized as part of a Vice Presidential National Performance Review Hammer Award.

She continued the development of deployment exposure guidelines with the draft publication of CHPPM Technical Guide 230B, Long-term Chemical Exposure Guidelines for Deployed Military Personnel.

Hauschild recalled her feelings about receiving this prestigious award.

“This is often a controversial area,” said Hauschild. “A few people from APG were attending this conference and I knew we would have various debates and not always see eye-to-eye. However, I learned a lot about them in this one short meeting. There are many opportunities where we can all pull together and produce excellent products. I have learned a lot over the years from working with this wonderful group here at CHPPM. We have to realize how much we can accomplish if we get past the personal issues. We need to get along. It is not always the science that holds us back – it is the personal things.”

Hauschild lives in Belcamp. She enjoys running, racquetball, dancing, and working at her part-time job as a technician at the Harford Emergency Veterinary Service in Bel Air.

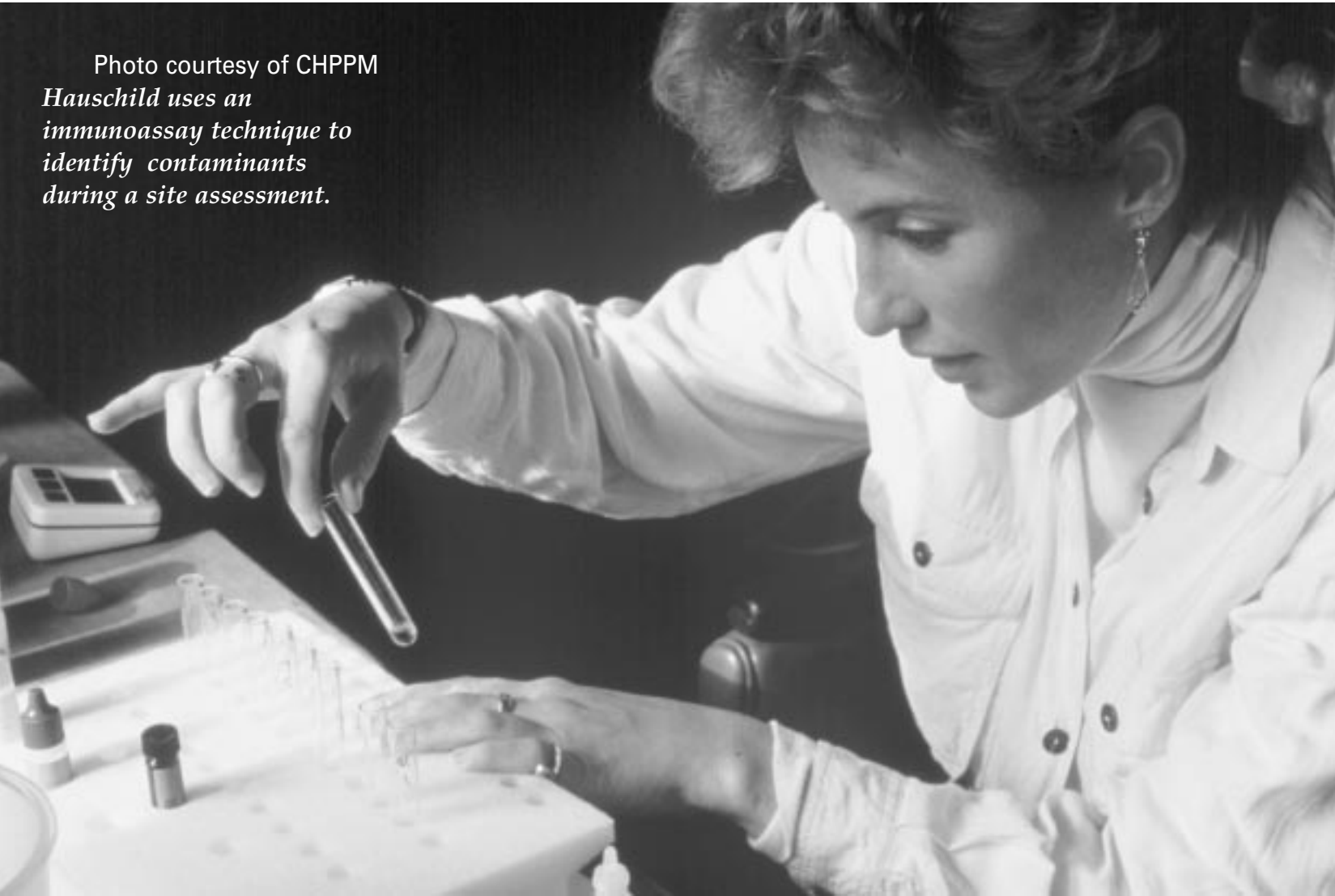


Photo courtesy of CHPPM
Hauschild uses an immunoassay technique to identify contaminants during a site assessment.

Army holds first International symposium on enzyme technology

By Dr. Joseph DeFrank and Kelly Buckingham
ECBC

The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command sponsored the first International Symposium on Application of Enzymes in Chemical and Biological Defense. The symposium, held in Orlando, Fla., included researchers from 11 nations: Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Russia, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the U.S. Some of the U.S. organizations included the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Harvard Medical School, Texas A & M University, Battelle Memorial Institute, and the Mayo Clinic.

The keynote speakers for the conference were Dr. John

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Softball Update

The following results were reported for intramural softball for the week ending June 15.	
American Division	
Results	
No games scheduled	
Schedule	
<i>June 25</i>	
(Field No. 2)	
6:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. HHC 16th	
8:30 p.m., KUSAHC vs. NCOA	
<i>June 26</i>	
(Field No. 2)	
6:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. USMC	
7:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. NCOA	
8:30 p.m., KUSAHC vs. HHC 16th	
<i>June 27</i>	
(Field No. 1)	
6:30 p.m., USMC vs. NCOA	
8:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. HHC 61st	
Standings	
USMC No. 1	2-0
HHC 16th	2-0
HHC 143rd	1-1
NCOA	1-1
HHC 61st	0-1
KUSAHC	0-1
National Division	
Results	
No games scheduled	
Schedule	
<i>June 25</i>	
(Field No. 2)	
6:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. USMC	
7:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. USAF	
8:30 p.m., HST vs. Company B 16th	
<i>June 26</i>	
(Field No. 1)	
6:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. Company A 16th	
7:30 p.m., USAF vs. HST	
8:30 p.m., Company B 16th vs. Company E 16th	
<i>June 27</i>	
(Field No. 2)	
6:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. Company E 16th	
7:30 p.m., Company B 16th vs. Company A 16th	
8:30 p.m., USMC vs. USAF	
Standings	
USAF	2-0
Company E 16th	2-0
Company C 16th	1-1
USMC No. 2	0-2
Company A 16th	0-2
Company B 16th	0-2
Edgewood Division	
Results	
<i>June 11</i>	
SBCCOM, 21; 520th TAML, 9	
Company C 143rd, 17; Company A 143rd, 4	
Company B 143rd, 26; CHPPM, 2	
Schedule	
<i>June 25</i>	
6:30 p.m., 520th TAML vs. Company A 143rd	
7:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. Company C 143rd	
8:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. SBCCOM	
<i>June 27</i>	
6:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. Company B 143rd	
7:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. Company A 143rd	
8:30 p.m., SBCCOM vs. 520th TAML	
Standings	
SBCCOM	3-0
Company B 143rd	3-0
Company C 143rd	2-1
Company A 143rd	1-2
520th TAML	0-4
<i>(Note: 203rd MI games have been omitted as the unit has withdrawn from the league. A revised schedule will appear in the next issue of APG News.)</i>	

Soccer registration deadline approaches

Youth soccer for children ages 4 to 14 is from August to the beginning of November. The final day to register is Tuesday, June 26, 5 to 7 p.m., at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522, and at the Edgewood Youth Center, building E-1902. Cost is \$30 per person and 10 percent discount for two or more children from the same family.	offered on APG.
Youth Center registration can be done at the same time. The mandatory registration fee is \$15 for the year. Contact Scott Cottrell in the Edgewood area, 410-436-2862 and Eric Henderson, 410-278-4995, in the Aberdeen area.	
Coaches and referees are needed for this program. If interested, contact Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.	

Community Notes

SATURDAY JUNE 23 SHOPPING IN NEW YORK

A shopping trip to New York City will leave the Edgewood Recreation Center, building E-4140, at 6 a.m. The bus will arrive in Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, at 10 a.m. and returns to APG at 10 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person. Deadline for payments is June 14.

Call Londa Rosette or Serena Patterson to reserve a seat, 410-836-4992 or 410-836-4703/4712, or cell phone 443-570-5959.

SUNDAY JUNE 24 WOMEN'S DAY SERVICE

Ames United Methodist Church, 112 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, will hold its Women In White Service at 10:30 a.m. The guest minister will be Reverend Cynthia Woods from 3rd Street Church of God, Washington, D.C. Contact Vicky Wright or Debra Levy, 410-838-0161, for additional information.

SATURDAY JUNE 30 WACVA BAKE SALE

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association, Maryland Free State Chapter No. 70 will hold a bake sale at the Aberdeen Proving Ground PX, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will fund ongoing projects to help women veterans of Maryland. For more information, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040.

WEDNESDAY JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY SPECIALTY MEAL

The annual Independence Day Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4219 and 4503, and Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, noon to 1:30 p.m. During this event

all military, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine. The standard meal rate of \$3.20 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, Department of Defense civilian, retiree and their guest. The discount meal rate of \$2.65 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

For more information, call Edward Parylo, or Joyce Thane at 410-306-1399/1393/1398.

SATURDAY JULY 7 WACVA MONTHLY MEETING

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association Maryland Free State Chapter #70 will hold their July meeting 10:30 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Center. Following the installation of officers, an informal lunch will follow.

All women who have served or are serving in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Women's Army Corps, Regular Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard and Army Nurse Corps are welcome to attend. Also welcome, as associate members, are women of the Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. For more information about the association, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040, or visit Web sites www.wacva.com or www.armywomen.org.

MONDAY JULY 9 EFMP SOCIAL

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Recreation Center will hold an Out-of-School Social for Exceptional Family Members and their families, 7 to 9 p.m. All family members are required to bring at least one refreshment. There will be live entertainment by DJ Bugg.

To make a reservation, call Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP coordinator, by June 28, 410-278-7474/7478.

FRIDAY JULY 13 LADIES NIGHT OUT

Top of the Bay presents "Ladies Night Out," from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Main Ballroom. Music will be provided by DJ Sir Knight.

Dress to impress - no jeans, boots, sweatsuits, sneakers or bandannas. Dress code will be enforced. A DVD player will be raffled is part of the evening's activities.

Tickets cost \$6 in advance, \$10 at the door. To purchase tickets, call Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Copeland, 1-877-937-9936. You must be 25 or over and have valid identification to attend.

THURSDAY JULY 19 WARRANT OFFICERS MEETING

The Aberdeen/Edgewood Chapter of the United States Warrant Officer Association will hold its next meeting on July 19, 11:30 a.m. at Top of the Bay. Lunch will be pay as you go.

For more information, contact Chief Warrants Pete Hill or Jane Jones, 410-278-4979/3011.

FRIDAY JULY 27 BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Police Association is sponsoring Basket Bingo at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks, and baked goods will be available. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Judy 410-272-7585 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50



A KNIGHT’S TALE

Friday, June 22, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 23, 7 p.m.

Starring: Heath Ledger, Mark Addy

“If a man believes enough, a man can do anything,” a poor thatcher tells his son, William. “A man can change his stars.” But in fourth century Europe, fortunes are not made they are predestined. But one day at a

medieval jousting tournament, fate deals the unheralded William a shot and before long he has reinvented himself. (Rated PG-13)

BRIDGET JONES’S DIARY (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, June 23, 9 p.m.

Starring: Renee Zellweger, Colin Firth



Based on Helen Fielding’s international bestseller Bridget Jones’s Diary, 32-year-old Bridget decides it’s time to take control of her life and start keeping a diary. With a taste for adventure, and an option on every subject from her circle of friends, to men, exercise, food, sex, and everything in between, she’s turning the page on a whole new life. (Rated R)

LEAVE DONATION

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

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Beverly King (caring for husband)
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Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)
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Sandra W. Miller (back surgery)
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Mary E. Pettitway
Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)
Michael Reynolds
Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)
Denise Robinson (maternity)
Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Tami C. Rowland (maternity)
Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Ralph A. Scutti (care of daughter)
Sherry Schaffer
Lena Shelton
Gail H. Smith (death of husband)
Motoko Stahl
Rachel Swearingen
Ronald L. Taylor (chronic pulmonary disease)
Frances L. Thomas
Rosalind Walters-Kenion (maternity)
Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems)
Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Amber M. Vanakin (care of husband)
Andrew M. Vaught (brain tumor removed)
Josephine O. Wojciechowski (care for elderly parents)

For information about donating annual leave, call Dave Mial at 410-278-1524 or fax 410-278-7877.

TICKET SALES BEGIN FOR SECOND SUMMER CONCERT

Tickets are now on sale for Aberdeen Proving Ground’s 2001 Miller Genuine Draft Army concert, Aug. 18, featuring Country singers, John Michael Montgomery, Diamond Rio and Tim Rushlow . Prices are \$20 for advance purchase and \$25 at the gate.

A major fund raiser for the Aberdeen Proving Ground Morale, Welfare and Recreation program, funds are used for soldier programs on APG.

To purchase tickets, contact any Ticketmaster location or MWR facility on post.

For information, call 410-278-4011/4621.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The Garrison Library has new books for your reading pleasure. Visit either the Aberdeen Area Library or the Edgewood Area Branch Library and check them out.

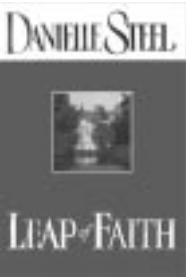
All Loves Excelling by Josiah Bunting

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The operating hours of the Aberdeen Area library are Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, closed and Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Edgewood Area library will be closed Sunday through Tuesday and Saturday; and open Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

OC&S LIBRARY

The Ordnance Center and Schools Library is located in the basement of building 3071. Hours are Monday and Thursday, 12 to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, 12 to 7 p.m., and Friday, 12 to 4 p.m.

MWR UPDATE

All craft classes are held at the Edgewood area Arts and Crafts Center, building E-4440, which is open Thursday, 1 to 9 p.m, Friday and Saturday, 9 to 5 p.m. For information, call 410-436-2153, during operating hours.

Stained glass class

A beginning stained glass class will be held on Saturday, June 23, 9:30 to 1:30 p.m. Students will be making a simple sun-catcher using the copper foil method. Cost is \$25 and includes supplies.

Framing class

A beginning matting and framing class will be held on June 28, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Students must bring an 8 by 10 inch picture to frame, and pre register in advance. Class size is limited. Cost is \$15, plus supplies.

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For information, call 410-278-4207 or 410-436-2153.

OC&S celebrates Army birthday, Transformation at reveille

REVEILLE, from front page

the soldiers, “It’s good to stand reveille. It’s been a long time since I did it.

“I’m usually up at this hour,” he continued, “but since I retired [in 1980] I’m normally not out at this hour. I understood you still did it. Some things don’t change, even though the headgear has.”

The headgear he referred to was the new Army black beret that was worn by the soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion.

“Do you have the spirit it will take to be the soldiers we need in the future?” Randall asked.

He told those gathered in the early morning light that there are naysayers in the country who say that the young men and women of the Army today will not be able to stand up to the expectations established by those who have gone before them.

“I don’t believe it,” Randall said. “But if you believe it, you will make truth out of the lie.”

He told the young men and women that, “The best doc-

tor has not yet graduated from medical school. The best lawyer has not yet been accepted by the ABA (American Bar Association). The best teacher has not yet graduated from college. The best banker has not yet opened a bank. And, the best preacher has not yet stood in a pulpit.”

Randall, who left the Army then returned as an Army chaplain once he obtained his divinity degree, talked about a spirit that separates American soldiers from all others.

“I once attended an orientation at a new post where they showed a video of the commanding general, a four-star, making a comparison between the free world and the communist nations,” Randall recalled.

As the general talked about manpower, the quality of training, and all those things that relate to soldiers serving in the army, he repeatedly stated, “We have parity.”

Randall, who survived the sinking of a troop ship in the English Channel and served in combat in Korea and Vietnam, insisted that American soldiers have a spirit that lifted us out of that parity.

“What is it? How do you get it? How do you pass it on

from one generation to another, from one ordnance class to the next?” he asked.

He went on to say that it involves duty, honor and country.

It involves faith, hope and love. It involves morality, honesty, integrity and being law abiding. It involves cooperation and team spirit, humility before God, generosity at every opportunity and a value foundation that will stretch strong.

“I challenge you,” he said, “to get your priorities right, to get your direction and go the distance. Extend your hand to another and you will both have three hands. Get involved and stay involved.”

He told the young soldiers to “value your freedom and guard it.”

“Let’s just keep marching, troopers,” he concluded.

The ceremony ended with the entire battalion singing a chorus of the Army Song.

Randall was presented a certificate of appreciation from Moore, 16th Ordnance Battalion, for his participation

Flags fly over 21st century soldiers, berets

CEREMONY, from front page

U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine. Col. Edward W. Newing, chief of staff, SBC-COM, was the commander of troops.

Doesburg welcomed the soldiers, civilians and family members who came to witness the rite of passage.

Noting the two traditional holidays, Flag Day and the Army Birthday, Doesburg said neither would exist “without the exceptional men and women who have served in our Army.”

“The Army’s soldiers are the cornerstone that upholds the great flag as our national symbol of peace and freedom,” Doesburg said, adding that there are many “exciting changes to look forward to as the Army continues to transform itself to meet the challenges of the new century.”

Commenting on the sight of the soldiers in berets before him, Doesburg said that like Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, he believes “the beret reflects the reality that the entire force is strategically responsive to the threats facing the Army in this new century. It is a symbol of transformation.

“Ceremonies like today’s are important because it is easy to take for granted the things we cherish.

“The men and women of today’s Army stand ready to defend our freedom at a moment’s notice. Let us never forget a lesson that both our flag and our soldiers know so well - that freedom is never free,” Doesburg said.

The awarding of the Department of the Army Superior Unit Award to SBC-COM and DTC highlighted the ceremony. The units were awarded for overcoming “institutional inertia, to begin changing every aspect of manning, organizing, equipping, training and sustaining the Army while accomplishing a varied array of worldwide operational missions.”

As the award was read, Doesburg and Ertwine moved forward to affix the streamers to their unit colors.

Other APG organizations earning the award but not receiving them that day were the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, the U.S. Army Environmental Center and the U.S. Army Evaluation Center.

The formation included: the U.S. Army Garrison, APG, led by Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG garrison and deputy installation commander; 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, commanded by Col. Ronald L. Shippee; U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, commanded by Col. Andrew Ellis; 61st Ordnance Brigade, USAOC&S, commanded by Col. Rocky Hills; Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, commanded by Col. Walter E. Egerton; the Noncommissioned Officer Academy, commanded by Command Sgt. Maj. Manuel Torres; the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, commanded by Col. James A Romano Jr.; the U.S. Army Dental Clinic, APG, commanded by Lt. Col. Michael E. Garvin; the U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit, commanded by Lt. Col. Brian S. Lindamood; the 143rd Ordnance Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Francis R. Merritt and the 16th Ordnance Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Kevin Moore.

The 389th Army Band (AMC’s Own), commanded by Chief Warrant Officer Jerry L. Standridge, provided the music.

The USAOC&S Salute Battery was commanded by Chief Warrant Officer Mario T. Griner and Sgt. 1st Class Carl

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Spouse clubs announce charitable disbursements

MCSC and EA-OWC total contributions reach nearly \$12,000

By Sheila Little
APG News

The Military and Civilian Spouses Club and the Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club announced their charitable disbursements for the 2000-2001 year. Both organizations hold various fund-raisers throughout the year to raise money for contributions to organizations and charities on the installation and surrounding community, in addition to funding higher education scholarships.

Disbursements for the MCSC include support for family readiness groups on the installation, funds in support of sports activities, science programs, music and computer equipment for local schools, donations to three Boy Scout troops, and contributions to three national military associations; the Army Distaff Foundation, the Military Child Education

Coalition, and the National Military Family Association. In addition, the club disbursements to local community organizations cover a wide range of age groups and needs. The Angels of Love received a donation for their program which assists needy families, as did Harford Hospice and the Sexual Assault and Spouse Abuse Resource Center. Additional donations went to Volunteer Connection, a telephone support group for seniors, Open Doors, a teen parenting program, and a veterans group. Relay for Life, an effort to raise money for cancer patients and research, received a sponsorship donation and an activity prize donation. Additional support went to an Aberdeen Parks and Recreation cheer-leading program and a girls soccer team.

MCSC total donations for 2000-2001 were \$3,800 in charitable donations and \$2,500 in three club-sponsored student scholarships for a total

of \$6,300.

The EA-OWC disbursed funds to pay for holiday food vouchers for soldiers and to support family readiness groups and youth services on the installation. The club also contributed to science, sports and music programs for the schools and donated funds to a Girl Scout troop. Community organizations receiving support included Harford Hospice, veterans and senior citizen groups, and the Hays House.

Total charitable donations for the EA-OWC are \$5,300, which includes \$4,300 in organization donations and \$1,000 in scholarships.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground spouse organizations gave out \$8,100 to installation and community groups and awarded \$3,500 in student scholarships for a total disbursement of \$11,600 for the 2000-2001 year.

Juneteenth knowledge, celebrations spreading

Commemorating the freeing of Texas slaves yields national celebration

Courtesy of www.juneteenth.com

For millions of African-Americans, Juneteenth symbolizes freedom and serves as a historical reminder of the triumph of the human spirit over the cruelty of slavery.

Juneteenth is the annual June 19th celebration commemorating the freeing of the African-American slaves of Galveston, Texas, two-and-one-half years after the Emancipation Proclamation.

Juneteenth is celebrated annually in more than 205 cities and is a state holiday in Texas, Oklahoma, Florida and Delaware.

In 1997, Senators Trent Lott and Tom Daschele introduced a resolution recognizing June 19 as the "True Independence Day for African-Americans."

In March of this year, a bill was introduced in Congress proposing Juneteenth be made a federal holiday. Senate bill No. 615 for legal holiday status in Maryland, is pending.

The following is from the Juneteenth Web site at www.junetheenth.com:

What is Juneteenth?

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery in America. It was on June 19, 1864, that Union soldiers, led by Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas, with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. This was two-and-one-half years after President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation - which became official January 1, 1863.

The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on Texas due to the minimal number of Union troops available to enforce the new executive order. With the surrender of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee in April of 1865, and the arrival of Granger's regiment, Union forces were finally strong enough to influence and overcome the resistance.

Later attempts to explain the delay has yielded

several versions that have been handed down through the years. Often told is the story of a messenger who was murdered on his way to Texas with the news of freedom. Another, is that the news was deliberately withheld by the slave owners to maintain the labor force on the plantations and that federal troops actually waited for one last cotton harvest before going to Texas to enforce the Proclamation. For whatever the reason, conditions in Texas remained status quo well beyond what was statutory.

General Order Number 3

Granger's first order of business was to read to the people of Texas, General Order Number 3, which read: "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer."

Reactions to this news ranged from pure shock to immediate jubilation. While many lingered to learn of this new employer to employee relationship, many left before the words were completely off the lips of their former 'masters.'

With the realization of freedom, and even with nowhere to go, many felt that leaving the plantation should be their first step toward freedom. North was a logical destination and for many, it represented true freedom. Some moved to neighboring states in search of lost family members. Settling into new areas as free men and women brought new realities and challenges for black people in America. Recounting the memories of that great day in June of 1865 and its festivities would serve as motivation as well as a release from the growing pressures encountered in their

new existence.

The celebration of June 19th was coined "Juneteenth" and grew with more participation from descendants. Juneteenth became a time for reassurance, prayer and reuniting family members. Juneteenth continued to be highly revered in Texas decades later, with many former slaves and descendants making an annual pilgrimage back to Galveston to celebrate.

Festivities and food

Rodeos, fishing, barbecuing and playing baseball are just a few of the traditional Juneteenth activities. Juneteenth celebrations focused on education and self-improvement. Guest speakers and the elders were called upon to recount the events of the past. Prayer services also were a major part of the celebrations.

The barbecue pit is often established as the center of attention at Juneteenth celebrations. Food was abundant because everyone prepared a dish. Meats such as lamb, pork and beef, which were not available every day, were in abundance on this special occasion. True Juneteenth celebrations left participants well satisfied physically, mentally and spiritually.

Dress played an important role in early Juneteenth customs and is still taken seriously by direct descendants connected to the tradition's roots. During the initial days of the emancipation celebrations, there are accounts of former slaves tossing their ragged garments into the creeks and rivers to adorn clothing taken from their former 'masters'.

Resurgence

The Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and 60s pulled many African-American youths into the struggle for

racial equality. Many began linking these struggles to the historical struggles of their ancestors. Student demonstrators involved in the Atlanta civil rights campaigns of the early 60s wore Juneteenth freedom buttons. In 1968, attendees returning home from the Poor Peoples March to Washington initiated Juneteenth celebrations in areas previously absent of such activity. In fact, two of the largest Juneteenth celebrations founded after the march are held in Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

Texas blazes the trail

On January 1, 1980, Juneteenth became an official Texas state holiday through the efforts of Al Edwards, an African-American state legislator. The successful passage of this bill marked Juneteenth as the first emancipation celebration to receive official state recognition.

Juneteenth in modern times

Throughout the 1980s and 90s, Juneteenth has continued to grow in communities and organizations throughout the country. Institutions such as the Smithsonian Institute and the Henry Ford Museum have begun sponsoring Juneteenth-centered activities each year. Today, Juneteenth celebrates slavery's end while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures. As it takes on a more national and even global perspective, the events of 1865 Texas are remembered. The future of Juneteenth looks bright as the number of cities and states forming Juneteenth committees increases thanks in part to the wealth of information available on the Juneteenth website. There is no charge for organizations to post events on the Web site.

To find out more about Juneteenth or to learn about activities in your area, logon to the Web site at www.juneteenth.com.

Juneteenth events in Maryland

The Tenth Cavalry Gun Club, Inc. will hold a free sport-shooting event as part of its Juneteenth celebration. The Baltimore chapter will host the event at the Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore Range in Marriottsville.

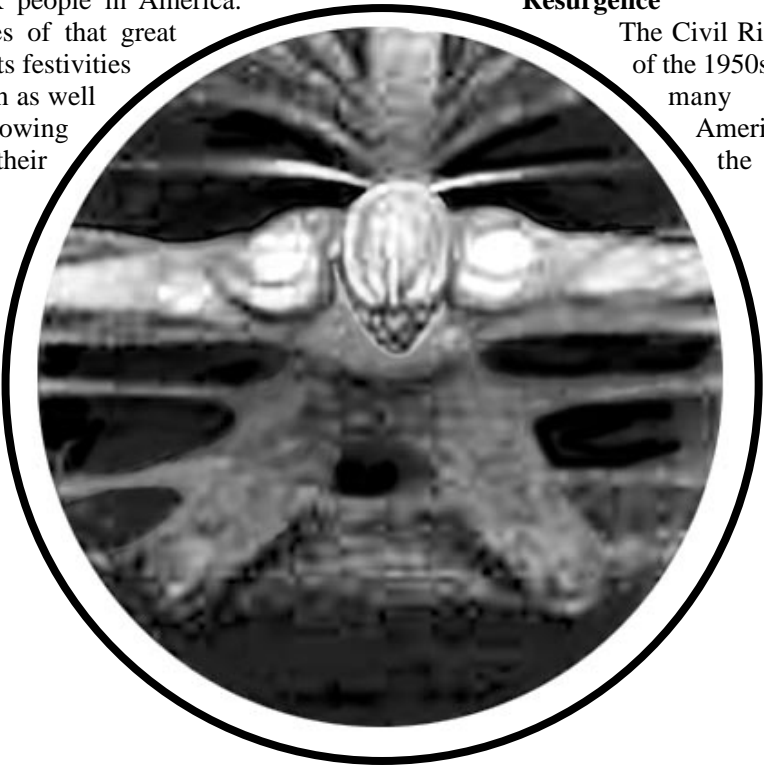
Enjoy this unique opportunity to experience a challenging sport and learn firearm safety in a safe and supervised environment. All instructions, accessories, lunch and refreshments will be provided at no charge. Club founder, Kenn Blanchard will give a keynote address and discuss his

book, "Black Man with A Gun."

A Juneteenth cookout will follow at 4012 Springdale Avenue, in Baltimore, at 4 p.m.

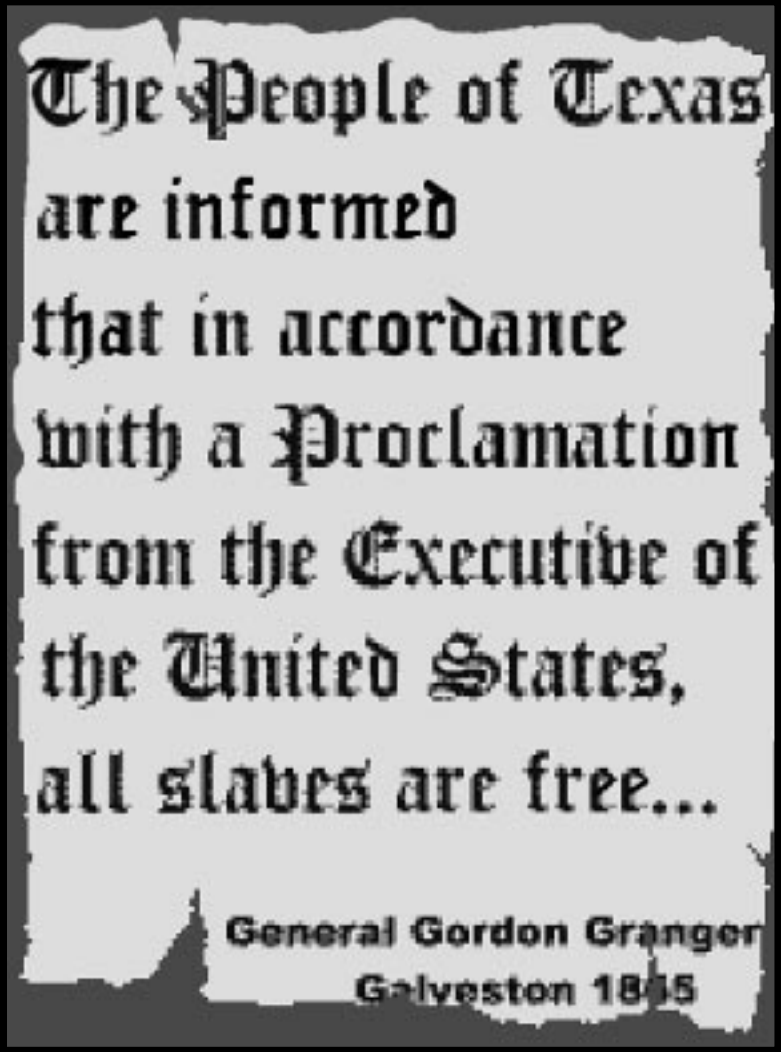
For more information, call 410-319-4867 or E-mail ldywthgnc@hotmail.com.

The Washington Christian Center will hold its 5th Annual National Juneteenth Prayer & Praise Worship Service, 7 p.m. at 2200 Culbera Drive. Dr. A. Lorenzo McKinney is the pastor. For more information, contact McKinney at 301-894-0800 or E-mail almckinney@erols.com.



Photos courtesy of www.juneteenth.com

Clockwise from top the Juneteenth logo; a 1996 Juneteenth festival logo depicting shackles across the state of Texas; a replica of General Order Number 3 that freed the slaves of Galveston, Texas, in 1865 and a drawing from artist Thomas Feelings' "Middle Passage" collection, on display in the [juneteenth.com](http://www.juneteenth.com) Web site.





Army News



Transforming Army issues new doctrine

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

The Army released two new field manuals on its 226th birthday that provide a glimpse of how it will operate while transforming into a more strategically responsive and dominant force for the evolving security challenges of the new century.

One manual, FM 1, “The Army,” establishes Army doctrine, while FM 3-0, “Operations,” establishes how the Army will conduct activities across the full range of military operations.

“Both manuals reflect the fundamental changes occurring in the Army today, linking national strategy to Army strategy and operations,” said Col. Neal Anderson, chief of Strategic Planning, Concepts and Doctrine with the Army Staff’s Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans. “FM 1, the Army’s capstone manual, provides broad doctrinal guidance, while FM 3-0 builds on the guidance in FM 1 to establish doctrine for how the Army conducts military operations.”

FM 1 has four main parts: the Army in the profession of arms, how the Army fits into strategic and joint military operations, the Army’s core competencies and “the way ahead,” or the future of the Army.

“This manual reiterates the Army’s role to serve the nation, in war and peace, with a primacy of focus on fulfilling our non-negotiable contract with the American people — fighting and winning our nation’s wars,” Anderson said. “It articulates the Army’s core competencies, which are essential and enduring capabilities that define the Army’s contribution to our nation’s security.”

FM 3-0, the Army’s capstone warfighting manual, establishes doctrine across the range of military operations — peace, conflict and war, he said. It outlines those operations as offensive, defensive, and stability and support operations that can be performed simultaneously, Anderson said.

Linked to FM 1, FM 3-0 will guide the Army as it transforms into a force that will be more responsive, deployable, agile, versatile, lethal, survivable, sustainable and deployable, he said.

These field manuals are important because they establish doctrine for a doctrine-based Army, Anderson said.

FM 1 replaces FM 100-1 and FM 3-0 replaces FM 100-5. The new numerical designation reflects the Army’s efforts to follow the Department of Defense’s system of numbering manuals, officials said.

Posts tighten security at entrances

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

Army installations that have not been stopping vehicles at their front gates will begin limiting public access this summer.

“It’s important everyone knows that we’re not looking to keep people off our installations or to close ourselves in. We want to make sure that people who have intent to do us harm don’t enter our installations,” said Lt. Col. Bruce Vargo, chief of the Operations Branch for the Army’s Security Force Protection and Law Enforcement Division.

An Army-wide study revealed that security needed to be tightened on installations, said Lt. Col. Donna Rivera, chief of the Army Physical Security Branch in the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans.

Military identification card holders and government employees have until July 31 to register their vehicles with their Provost Marshal Office, Rivera said. Registered vehicles will not be stopped at post gates unless there is a security threat, she said, but others will.

Vehicle information will be maintained on an interlinked worldwide Army system, Rivera said.

“Once individuals register their vehicles, they will only have to update their unit designation and

address when they move,” Rivera said.

Drivers of unregistered vehicles will most likely have to present a drivers license, vehicle registration and insurance to gate guards, Rivera said, but added it will be up to each installation to mandate what documents will have to be presented.

Military policemen will maintain a visitors’ log and issue a temporary sign to be placed in the windshield of visitors’ vehicles.

Currently there is no deadline for implementation. The Physical Security Branch is reviewing ways to help installations get personnel and equipment to meet the requirement, Rivera said.

“Some posts will have to build guard shacks and visitor centers. Others may have to close gates or get extra manpower,” said Rivera. “It has not been finalized, but we expect to present a course of action by the end of the summer.”

The controlled access policy is a Department of Defense directive that the Army is re-enforcing after a study revealed that a significant number of Army installations were not monitoring their entrances, Rivera said.

“Last Spring the vice chief of staff [Gen. John Keane] wanted to know how many installations have controlled access and the limitations of the access,” Rivera said. “We conducted a study and

found out that most overseas posts have controlled access. However, U.S. Army installations have a more relaxed posture than any of the other services.”

Based upon the findings, Army security is being increased.

“We don’t know where people may attack, and the bombings in Oklahoma City and at the World Trade Center [New York City], give credence that we can be hit on the home front,” Rivera said.

“Monitoring people who enter and exit installations is the best deterrent against attacks,” Vargo said. “It protects us from terrorists, criminals and during civil disturbances and natural disasters.

Registered vehicles are the first step in this line of defense, and it will also help expedite the flow of traffic at gates, Vargo said. However, on days when traffic seems to be congested at the gates, the community should feel safer, he said.

To help with the flow of traffic, Rivera said, people should coordinate with internal security if they are expecting guests for official functions and ceremonies.

Other tips are not to schedule arrival times during peak hours of congestion and to tell visitors to have proper identification and documents handy.

Army birthday links past to future



Photo by Staff Sgt. MARCIATRIGGS

Vice President Dick Cheney cuts an Army birthday cake during a private celebration in his office June 14. From left, Secretary of the Army Thomas White, Spc. Robert Eklund, 3rd U.S. Infantry Old Guard Fort Myer, Va., Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley and Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Eric Shinseki presented the vice president with the cake on behalf of the total Army.

By Gen. Eric K. Shinseki
Army Chief of Staff

Last week, the Army celebrated 226 years of service to the nation. With organizational parties and birthday balls, runs, parades, installation open houses, the donning of new headgear, and a focus on tomorrow’s Objective Force, this birthday builds on last year’s celebration and establishes a tradition for observing future Army birthdays.

Last year, we cut an Army-sized birthday cake with members of Congress in the Rotunda of the Capitol to commemorate our 225th birthday. The Center of Military History’s 225 Years of Service: The U.S. Army 1775-2000 enhanced our understanding of the Army’s proud history, and celebrations worldwide marked the occasion.

And when television viewers saw the sergeant major of the Army close the New York Stock Exchange, Ann Curry jump with the Golden Knights, and Joan Lunden and other notables share the spotlight with American soldiers, public awareness of the Army increased. Local dignitaries attending Army birthday ceremonies were reminded about how much America owes its soldiers. In these ways, we strengthened the critical bond between soldiers, their families, and the communities in which they live and work and raise children.

The Army birthday also links our past to our future. The Army is in the midst of an ambitious Transformation. By the end of the decade, we will transform the greatest land force in the world into a strategically responsive force--the Objective Force--that combines the best characteristics of our light and our heavy forces in a way that will be dominant across the full spectrum of operations. The Objective Force seeks to put a combat capable brigade anywhere in the world in 96 hours, a division on the ground in 120 hours, and five divisions in theater in 30 days. That responsiveness represents unprece-

dent capability that will keep us dominant in an increasingly complex world.

This year, we salute, yet again, the significance of the Army’s birthday with another great celebration. We intend to remind soldiers of the great legacy they have inherited from the millions of tough, disciplined, freedom-loving men and women who have soldiered before them. We are SOLDIERS, by God, and proud of it. We are proud of our past and proud of our future.

Finally, the black beret symbolizes and tangibly ties us to the future Objective Force. For 25 years, it has symbolized the speed and agility of Army Rangers. Before that, the black beret represented the lethality and power of tankers, armored cavalymen, and mechanized infantrymen who wore it in the 1970s. On the Army’s 226th birthday, we extend the beret’s legacy to the entire Army as we change to create a 21st century Army that is more responsive, deployable, agile, versatile, lethal, survivable, and sustainable than we are today.

What will not change?
“The magnificence of our moments as an Army will continue to be delivered by our people. They are the engine behind our capabilities, and . . . soldiers remain the centerpiece of our formation . . . They fuel our ability to be persuasive in peace and invincible in war. We will train . . . to fight and win anywhere, anytime. . . In the process, we will provide the inspired leadership which celebrates our soldiers and nurtures their families, trains for decisive victories, and demonstrates responsible stewardship for the national treasure entrusted to us - our men and women in uniform.”

And so, as we celebrate the first Army Birthday in the new millennium, to our soldiers, civilians, retirees, veterans, and their families - - thank you. Thank you for 226 years of magnificent service to the nation.

LES to show PERSTEMPO counter

Courtesy of MilitaryReport.com

Keeping track of how often you are away from home for Army business just became a little easier, if you are a soldier. The Army News Service reports that, effective with June’s end-of-month Leave and Earnings Statement, soldiers will start seeing a personnel tempo counter in the remarks section. All services began tracking individual deployments last October.

Servicemembers will be entitled to \$100 per day for every day deployed 401 days or more in a rolling 730-day window. The policy applies to active and reserve components.

The congressional definition of a deployed day is “any day which, pursuant to orders, the member is performing service in a training exercise, operation or performing mission-support temporary duty at a location or under circumstances that make it impos-

sible or infeasible for the member to spend off-duty time in the housing in which the member resides when on garrison duty at the member’s permanent duty station...”

What counts as deployment days is overnight events, such as support operations, exercises, on-and off-post unit training and mission-support temporary duty.

What does not count on the PERSTEMPO clock is disciplinary confinement, absence without leave, school training, and leave in conjunction with a deployment event.

Soldiers who believe their LES PERSTEMPO count may be incorrect, should contact their unit commander to review the deployment events they have participated in since Oct. 1.

For more information, visit the PERSTEMPO Web site at <http://www-perscom.army.mil/per-stempo>.

Director, National Guard and Chief, Army Reserve confirmed for promotion to 3-star rank

Courtesy of Army News Service

The U.S. Senate recently confirmed the President’s nominations of the Director, Army National Guard and the Chief, Army Reserve for appointment to three-star rank. This is the first time in the Army’s history that the officers in those two positions have been elevated to the rank of lieutenant general.

Maj. Gen. Roger C. Schultz is the current Director, Army National Guard and Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes is the Chief,

Army Reserve.

On April 27, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld announced that President George W. Bush had nominated both officers for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general.

These promotions were a result of a provision of the fiscal year 2001 Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act. Passed by the House and Senate late in 2000, the act directed the military services to grant a third star to the heads of their reserve components. Elevating the rank of

these two critical Army posts is testimony to the increased reliance being placed by the Army on its reserve component forces.

Schultz and Plewes were both commissioned through Officer Candidate School and have 38 and 34 years military service, respectively.

For additional information, contact the National Guard Bureau Public Affairs Office, 703-607-2549, or the Office of the Chief Army Reserve Public Affairs Office, 703-601-0859.

Military Vehicle Preservation Association convention

FORT LEE, Va. — Fort Lee will be the site of the 25th Anniversary International Convention of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association, July 18 to 21. The convention will bring together hundreds of privately owned historic military transport vehicles from all over the continent, as well as thousands of association members from around the world.

Convention displays will be set up along A Avenue from the U.S. Army Quartermaster Museum east to the Post Fieldhouse at 16th Street. Living history displays, from the Civil War to Vietnam, will be along the way leading to a 15-acre swap meet area. Restored historic military vehicles ranging from bicycles, jeeps, trucks and armor from all eras, pre-WWII to Desert Storm, will be on display.

In addition to association members’ vehicles, the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps, U.S. Army Reserve, Virginia National Guard and several defense contractors will provide mission and equipment displays.

The public is invited to experience a bit of history coming to life as vehicles contributing to our nation’s freedom will be displayed. The entire convention site is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. There is a requested donation of \$5 per person with children under 12 at no charge. Tickets are available at the Association

Headquarters’ tent located on the corner of 19th Street and A Avenue.

Throughout the event, there will be a variety of family activities including the following:

Wednesday, July 18:

- Vendor/vehicle move-in begins at 8 a.m. (not a show day).
- Association convoys from across the United States and Canada begin arriving.
- Living history units establish encampments to include the field headquarters of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Gen. George S. Patton Jr.
- Several encampments will be established in the Living History area:

Civil War Cavalry and artillery
Korean War MASH hospital unit
Vietnam War base camp

Thursday, July 19:

- All association displays, exhibits and living history encampments open at 8 a.m.
- Vendor/swap meet area opens at 8 a.m.
- President Franklin D. Roosevelt arrives at 4 p.m. to address the troops and confer with Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. on military affairs
- The Fort Lee Army Band will conduct a military music concert after the president’s speech and in conjunction with the post retreat at 4 p.m. at Sgt. Seay Field.

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MAPS minimizes open air detonation noise

By Jeff Lindblad
PM NSCM

For many years, residents in communities surrounding Aberdeen Proving Ground have expressed their concerns regarding the noise and possible risk caused by the occasional open detonation of WWI and WWII-era chemical and smoke munitions recovered on the installation during construction and cleanup activities. In response to those community voices, the U.S. Army Product Manager for Non-Stockpile Materiel, or PM NSCM, designed the Munitions Assessment and Processing System, or MAPS. The MAPS will reduce the Army's reliance on open detonation as the principal means of destroying recovered chemical warfare materiel and smoke munitions.

"The facility will provide APG with a controlled system for safely treating chemical and smoke munitions recovered during the installation's on-going environmental restoration program," said Don Benton, PM NSCM MAPS project manager. "One of the most exciting aspects of the MAPS is that it will provide APG with a safe and viable alternative to minimize the open air detonation of recovered chemical and smoke-filled munitions."

The MAPS will operate under a Research Development and Demonstration permit granted earlier this year by the Maryland

Department of the Environment. The RDD permit will allow the Army time to fully demonstrate the system's capabilities prior to applying for "full permitted status," according to Benton. Project planning and environmental permitting activities have included several public meetings during the last 18 months.

At recent meetings with the APG Restoration Advisory Board and the Aberdeen Citizen Superfund Coalition, Benton and other Army representatives updated citizen members on the MAPS. Those in attendance expressed their approval and support for the system, especially since it will provide another means of destroying chemical and smoke munitions recovered at the proving ground, other than using open detonation. "Throughout the design and development of the MAPS, we have continually kept the RAB informed on the project's status and direction," Benton said. "And without their input, we would not be where we are today with the system."

According to Benton, the MAPS will allow operators to remotely access and drain chemical and smoke compounds from individual munitions placed inside a protective containment chamber. Removed chemicals will be pumped into a collection container and taken to Aberdeen's nearby chemical transfer facility for neutralization. The remaining explosive-containing munition casing will be detonated within the

MAPS "burster detonation vessel". Waste decontamination liquids and scrap metal pieces will be containerized and sent for final treatment at commercial waste disposal facilities.

On May 18, the Army awarded a contract to the John C. Grimberg Company for the construction of the MAPS. The company is being awarded \$6,175,000 as part of an estimated \$12,945,000 firm-fixed-price contract for construction of the MAPS. Work is scheduled to begin in early July 2001, and is expected to take approximately two years to complete.

The MAPS, which is being funded by the PM NSCM, will be located in APG's Edgewood munitions test range area adjacent to the N-Field Waste Munitions Storage Facility.

The Army's Product Manager for Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel, which is under the U.S. Army's Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, was established to provide centralized management and direction to the Department of Defense for the disposal of non-stockpile chemical materiel in a safe, environmentally sound, and cost-effective manner.

Noise pollution – a public concern

By Evelyn B. Riley
CHPPM

Noise pollution continues to grow as a concern among citizens and the Defense Department. An International Military Noise Conference, sponsored by the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security) in cooperation with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, Aberdeen Proving Ground, was held in Baltimore in late April. The conference included military personnel and environmental officials as well as industry and citizen stakeholders with a vested interest in environmental and occupational health effects of military noise.

Over 200 experts in environmental noise and noise-induced hearing loss from 12 countries including approximately 40 members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization attended, including Brazil, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Kurt Yankaskas, acting assistant Secretary of Defense (Environmental Cleanup), welcomed the attendees and discussed the three disciplines of battlefield acoustics, environmental noise, and hearing conservation. He stressed the importance of recognizing interconnectivity within the three disciplines by international teamwork.

Lt. Gen. James P. Peake, surgeon general of the Army and Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command, was the keynote speaker. He discussed various aspects of noise, hearing loss, and how noise impacts on the soldier's well being. He said that hearing loss can cost the Army hundreds of millions of dollars in military occupational specialty retraining. With civilian communities moving closer to military bases, the noise is affecting the surrounding civilian neighborhoods. He referred to the Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Eric Shinseki's Transformation – insisting on relevance for the 21st century and that people are the most important aspect of that Transformation. We must be responsive, deployable, versatile, lethal, survivable, and sustainable at all times.

Ray Clark, former principle deputy assistant secretary of the Army, Installations and Environment, also spoke of military readiness versus environment and public concerns, a topic that is gaining attention as an obstacle for military operators. Over the past year, high-level Pentagon and military officials have begun to probe the issue in search of solutions, and congressional committees have also begun investigating. One of the conflicts that communities have concerns noise produced by training, an area that has not gotten as much attention as other readiness versus environment and community issues such as the affect on endangered species. Clark pointed out that

43 percent of our major Army installations have changed operations due to noise, either through rescheduling or halting the activity.

This was the first time that military noise specialists joined together to share their interests in the effects of two types of military noise: environmental and occupational noise. The conference provided a forum for the exchange of information on military noise; the associated effects on humans and wildlife; and current, future and emerging technologies.

"We, the military, make noise like no one else... from artillery to supersonic aircraft," Dr. William A. Russell, conference director, USACHPPM, said. "Obviously, hearing is an important issue for someone on the battlefield. Soldiers who don't wear or don't have adequate hearing protection lose more than just their hearing. If you can't hear, you don't know the enemy is there.

"Additionally, our installations have had to alter training primarily because of noise issues and community complaints," he said. "This has an often subtle, but dramatic, impact on readiness training. If we continue to alter our installation's training capability, then it impacts our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines capability to defend our nation."

Geoff Kerry, technical manager in the School of Acoustics and Electronic Engineering, University, Salford, UK, said, "The main environmental noise

problems in the UK originate from civilian traffic and aircraft noise. Neighbor noise, arising from the playing of loud TVs and stereos, also features high on the list. Military noise is not usually a major problem, and when it is, it is confined to specific areas. However, military low flying helicopters and artillery training noise do generate some complaints.

"In the current economic climate, no one country can be expected to carry the cost of research into these noise-related problems and combining efforts cannot only share the burden but can result in quicker solutions," he said. "Under the NATO banner, experts from individual countries work closely together (networking) to exchange information, data, and ideas."

As part of a follow-up to a study on aircraft noise, the NATO Committee on Challenges of Modern Society established a working group to consider "noise from weapons and sonic booms and the impact on humans, wildlife, domestic animals, and structures."

At the end of the conference, the experts identified common issues and agreed to work together to share information of common value to all of Department of Defense and other nations' defense ministries.

Scientific interaction, collaboration begins at symposium

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Deutch of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Dr. Alexander Klibanov, a leading authority on the use of enzymes in extreme environments, also of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In his speech on chemical and biological threat, Deutch stated, "The use of chemical and biological warfare is widely recognized as a viable threat to the United States and other nations." He continued to discuss the new features of chemical and biological agents that make them a growing threat to countries, including the proliferation of technology in agent production, terrorist organizations operating on an international level, and the potential for new chemical and biological agents to be manufactured.

Klibanov discussed his work in determining that enzymes could function in organic solvents and other environments once thought to be incompatible with their existence.

During the conference, scientists presented and shared the latest research on both medical and non-medical applications of enzymes. In addition to the presentations, there were opportunities for attendees to interact one-on-one during the many breaks and poster sessions that occurred each day of the conference.

During poster sessions, scientists displayed their research and engaged in open dialogue with other attendees. Topic areas at the conference included detection, protection, decontamination, prophylaxis, and therapy. Emphasis was on the sensitivity of enzymes in detecting chemical agents and the neutralizing effects of enzymes on chemical and biological warfare agents, pesticides, and related materials.

ECBC sponsored the conference along with the U.S. Army Research Office, the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, and the Defense

Advanced Research Projects Agency.

Dr. Joseph DeFrank, ECBC, who co-chaired the conference, stated in his welcoming remarks, "The purpose of the conference is to generate interaction and hopefully collaborations between scientists in the enzyme area." According to comments by participants, this purpose was achieved to a very great extent. The conference was so well received that a second symposium is tentatively being planned for 2003 or 2004.

ECBC is the Army's principal research and development center

for chemical and biological defense technology, engineering and services, and is under the auspices of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command. ECBC is located at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For more information about the conference or ECBC, visit Website <http://www.sbccom.apgea.army.mil> or contact Jim Allingham, public affairs officer, at 410-436-4347.

S&T event fosters technology partnerships



A model of the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center's Roadway Simulator drew many curious onlookers to the ATC display, which included a model of the Tilt Table tester, brochures and compact disks of ATC facilities, abilities and mission.

Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON



John Philistine, a mechanical engineer with the Edgewood Chemical Biological Command, displays an M-279 Vaporous Detector Kit called the ACADA, Automatic Chemical Agent Detector Alarm for transferring solid contaminants to vapors for easier detection of agents in the field environment. Philistine and a co-worker designed the kit at the Edgewood Area facility.



Dr. Jennifer Sekowski, a molecular toxicologist with the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, describes the functions and goals of the Edgewood Area's Process Engineering Facility to U.S. Rep. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr., Maryland during the Science and Technology Showcase held June 12 and 13 at Top of the Bay.

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“We want to share that message up front. With 59 tenants at Aberdeen Proving Ground, it is apparent that those outside the proving ground don’t know what is available here,” he continued.
“We realized that our collective capabilities, including intellectual capital, are a strong suit that many private industries cannot afford. Partnering can generate revenue for tenant activities,” he said.
Of the attendees, 140 were

from private sector companies said Sara Parker, an S&T board member from the Strategic Initiatives Office.
Parker said attendees varied from large corporations to local businesses.
“Primarily they are manufacturers concerned with services in medicine, chemistry, testing materials, environmental sciences and chemistry,” she said.
Along with Weldon, special guests included U.S. representa-

tive Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. (Maryland) and James Harkins, Harford County executive.
Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, gave the welcoming address.
Doesburg said the showcase was about transforming the Army and APG to provide greater access to its facilities.
“What is key to us as we transform our Army and our Department of Defense is access to relationships with firms and research centers whose expertise can contribute to the Army’s future technology needs,” Doesburg said.
“Within industry and within academia there are ideas that are revolutionary. They may, in fact, take us to the next threshold. APG has more capabilities than any place east of the Mississippi,” he added. “Partnering with academia and industry, providing access to high-end equipment, is what this showcase is all about.”
He encouraged all visitors to “look at what we have here and on the tours of our facilities, and see if we have what it takes to team with you.”
Weldon, who represents the 7th District in southern Pennsylvania, is a prominent booster of economic development programs in the mid-Atlantic region.
He promoted the establishment of the Mid-Atlantic Research Consortium, or MARC, a high-tech-oriented economic development group that includes numerous educational institutions, research companies, and government laboratories in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland.
Weldon encouraged listeners to work together cooperatively for “common solutions to technological challenges,” rather than compete separately for government grants and funding.
“When you link all of these institutions together with a common agenda of collaboration on technology, you get the backside benefit of creating a political entity with 43 members of the House and eight members of the Senate,” he said.
The military has historically led the way in research and development programs that produced spin-off technologies of benefit to the country and the economy, Weldon said, adding that the revolution in information technology and other emerging technical fields could leave the military behind if it doesn’t work closely in these areas with cutting-edge companies and academia.
Weldon said APG’s array of high-tech facilities that have federal laboratory status, could be a “leading technology center” not only for the mid-Atlantic but also

for the nation. Working with other organizations exploring new technologies, the Army can contribute to making the mid-Atlantic region a technological and economic powerhouse that rivals Silicon Valley, he said.
The technology showcase included the signing of a cooperative agreement between Aberdeen Proving Ground and Ben Franklin Technology Partners, an economic development agency that fosters technological innovations to stimulate economic growth. It provides capital, business assistance and technical know-how to businesses, primarily entrepreneurs and startup companies.
Dr. Albert Koenig, the organization’s director of university and corporate programs for the southeastern Pennsylvania region, said the intent of the agreement with APG is to promote mutually beneficial business ties with the post. The group will look beyond the borders of Pennsylvania to New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, he added.
A specialist in nanotechnology, a technology based on the manipulation of atoms and molecules to build structures to complex, atomic specifications, Koenig said the evolving technology is expected to revolutionize information technology, biotechnology and materials development.
“We’re assembling a group of government agencies, universities and private corporations in the region to build the momentum of nanotechnology, mostly in applications,” Koenig explained. “Our affiliation with APG now looks at the Rodman Materials Research Laboratory as being a major player in that activity. It’s all about two things--fulfilling the mission of technology transfer, and fulfilling a mission that all economic development agencies have--promoting growth in new areas.”
Besides tours of APG facilities, the showcase included organizational displays on the building’s second floor.
Representing the U.S. Army Environmental Center and the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine was Maria Applin, a national outreach team manager.
Joanne Coale, a technical writer editor, and John Philistine, a mechanical engineer, answered questions for the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center. The U.S. Army Robert Morris Acquisition Center’s Hakim Abdurahman distributed software-related information, and the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center’s engineers Greg Schultz and Mike Barry demonstrated the dynamics of the Roadway Simulator and Tilt Table, two state-of-the-art ATC vehicle testers.

DTC earns award for Transformation efforts

DTC AWARD, from front page
in supporting that transformation. We will continue to play a key role as the Transformation’s critical enabler.
“From my perspective, the Superior Unit Award recognizes the individual and collective efforts throughout ATEC that contribute to a common goal. That is, to ensure that when America calls on its sons and daughters to go in harm’s way, they can rely on their equipment and weapons. I know we have a work force that understands the crucial importance of that goal. I believe the Army recognized that fact by bestowing this award,” Marcello said.
The role of DTC, AEC and OTC in the Army Transformation included testing and evaluating emerging weapon systems and equipment, including the Interim Armored Vehicle and other cutting-edge systems planned for the Army’s lighter, more mobile and agile forces. Weapons and systems in development, or still only on the drawing boards, will play a critical role in a transformed force the Army is calling the “Objective Force.”
Brig. Gen. Dean Ertwine, commander of DTC, highlighted the crucial role of the Army test community in achieving the Objective Force. Noting that ATEC will conduct testing to concurrently support the three main thrusts of transformation: recapitalization of the legacy force, fielding of the interim combat vehicle and development of new weapon systems with state-of-the-art technology.
In April 1985, the Secretary of the Army approved the Army Superior Unit Award for meritorious unit

performance of a uniquely difficult and challenging mission under extraordinary circumstances that involved the national interest. As a result of the strict criteria and lack of approved awards, the criteria were changed in July 1986 by deleting the words “unique” and “national interest.”
Only one award was approved prior to the revision, and it went to the 3rd Battalion, 502d Infantry, 101st Airborne Division. Nearly 200 of the 248 soldiers killed in the plane crash in Gander, Newfoundland, were from the battalion and were on their way home in December, 1985 from duty with the Multinational Force and Observers in the Sinai Desert.
In a memorandum to the Secretary of the Army dated Sept. 17, 1991, the Army Adjutant General requested approval to create a lapel pin to be worn by all members of organizations receiving the ASUA. This recommendation was based on the fact that organizations with a significant number of civilians had no visible means of recognizing them for the award.
Soldiers within the awarded organizations are authorized to wear an ASUA ribbon on their uniforms, in accordance with Army Regulation 670-1. Civilians employed at these organizations during the period cited may permanently wear the lapel pin, even if they are reassigned to other organizations. Civilians currently employed with an awarded unit, but not employed during the period cited, may wear the pin while they remain employed with the organization.



U.S. Army Developmental Test Command organizations such as the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, support the Army’s Transformation. When Canada, Germany and Italy loaned light-weight armored vehicles to the United States for use by Initial Brigade Combat Teams at Fort Lewis, Wash., ATC helped the Army verify their safety requirements.

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Military history comes to life at convention

VEHICLE, from page 9

Friday, July 20:

- All association displays, exhibits and living history encampments open at 8 a.m.
- Vendor/swap meet area opens at 8 a.m.
- Vehicle judging will be conducted from 9 a.m. to noon.
- Historic training/combat newsreel films will be shown continuously at the Quartermaster Museum.
- Vehicle interest groups meet throughout the day to discuss historical and restoration information.
- Vehicle exhibitions will demonstrate the capabilities and safe operation of military transport at the Vehicle Demonstration Area across from the Post Fieldhouse on 16th Street, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Saturday, July 21:

- All association displays, exhibits and living history encampments open at 8 a.m.
- Vendor/swap meet area opens at 8 a.m.
- Post parade of historic military transport through the streets of Fort Lee at 10 a.m. Departing from in front of the Quartermaster Museum proceeding east along A Avenue.
- Vehicle technical seminars on repair and rebuild of military transport components at Mifflin Hall at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- Vehicle exhibitions will demonstrate the capabilities and safe operation of military transport at the Vehicle Demonstration Area across from the Post Fieldhouse on 16th Street, 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

For more information and to coordinate your visit and entrance to the convention, call Joy C. Whitmore, media relations officer, 804-734-4558, or visit the Public Affairs Office Homepage www.jee.army.mil/pao.

Soldiers work so others might play

By E. C. Starnes
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It had all the appearances of an anthill, a very frantic, dusty anthill.

On a hilltop located at the intersection of Route 24 and East Ring Factory Road in Emmorton, 130 soldiers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools joined hundreds of volunteers from the local community June 9 to bring a dream a little closer to reality.

Soldiers from Companies A, B and C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, and Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion, joined in what has been called a “whirlwind” construction project. The project is a 14,000-square-foot creative playground. The timeline was five days from start to finish.

The project is truly a community effort with some 750 volunteers working on the site, the land donated by Michael Euler and Joe Deigert, \$50,000 donated by Alan and Carol Getz and \$10,000 donated by the family of Paula Carven.

The Lyn Stacie Getz Emmorton Creative Playground was built in memory of Alan and Carol Getz’s daughter who was killed in an apartment fire in New York City in 1999. The Getz’s are from Bel Air.

The Carven family’s donation is in memory of Paula Carven and her 9-year-old son, Jay, who were killed in the crash of TWA Flight 800 in 1996. A plaque will be placed at the playground in Paula and Jay Carven’s memory.

The soldiers’ support came about in different ways, but the two battalions worked together to provide manpower in construction, moving rock and gravel, stringing support lines, and providing raw muscle power.

Meals were served in tents near the construction site.

Supervisors were on hand for each individual project and medical personnel were available in case of accidents.

The participation of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion came about when Drill Sergeant Wade Christensen, Company C, read about the project in the local newspaper. He approached his company commander, Capt. Daniel Elliott, who thought the idea was worthwhile and told Christensen to proceed. Christensen contacted others in the battalion and the result was 85 soldiers joining in the effort.

For the 16th Ordnance Battalion, the idea of supporting the effort came when Drill Sergeant Pete Grasser, Company C, and his company commander, Capt. Martin Griffith, were participating in a local recreational sports program opening and were handed a brochure seeking volunteers for the program. Both saw it as an opportunity to support the local community and the result was 45 soldiers working Saturday morning.

For the 16th Ordnance Battalion soldiers, the work was a preliminary event to a pizza party and a trip to the movies, set up by Grasser.

The playground features a rock climbing wall, a maze and a volcano. Students from four local elementary schools joined in designing the facility.

The playground officially opened June 10.



Photo by E. C. STARNES

Left, Pts. Travis Mendenhall and Dustin Grigg, both of Company A, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, help construct part of the Lyn Stacie Getz Creative Playground in Emmorton. The two were among 130 Aberdeen Proving Ground soldiers who took part in a major community effort to complete the 14,000-square-foot project in five days.